

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A fixing structure of a ~~rod~~ and attaching a synthetic resin component to a forward end of a rod by inserting the forward end of the rod into an insertion part of the synthetic resin component, wherein

a rear side of a ~~rod~~ said insertion part of the synthetic resin component is widened, a stopper piece that protrudes obliquely rearward of an inner surface of the rear side of the insertion part of the synthetic resin component is provided within the rear side thereof, a stopper recess on a forward end of the stopper piece is formed on a side surface of a the forward end of the rod, and a position regulating part, on which the forward end of the rod is abutted during insertion of the rod, that regulates a position of the forward end of the rod is provided in a rear part of the insertion part.

2. (Original) The fixing structure of the rod and the synthetic resin component according to claim 1, wherein

the position regulating part is a pressing member that is a compression elastic body formed integrally with the synthetic resin component.

3. (Currently Amended) The fixing structure of the rod and the synthetic resin component according to claim 1, wherein

an insertion part an upper region of the synthetic resin component is formed into a frame by opening the rear side of

the insertion part on both sides of the ~~insertion part upper~~
region of the synthetic resin component.

4. (Previously Presented) The fixing structure of the rod and the synthetic resin component according to claim 1, wherein

a protrusion is provided on the side surface of the forward end of the rod, and a fitting groove into which the protrusion is fitted is provided in an inner side surface of an inlet-side region of the insertion part of the synthetic resin component.

5. (Previously Presented) The fixing structure of the rod and the synthetic resin component according to claim 1, wherein

a flat surface is formed on an opposite side to the stopper recess on the side surface of the forward end of the rod, and a flat surface closely contacting with said flat surface is formed on the insertion part of the synthetic resin component.